

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested based on the claim amendments and these remarks.

Claims 1-3, 7-12, 14-22, 26-39 and 44-46 are pending. Claims 1, 21 and 46 are independent. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 19, 21, 29, 35, 36 and 46 are amended, and claims 47-49 are canceled without prejudice. No new matter is involved.

Personal Interview

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesies extended by Examiners Stephen D. Alvesteffer and Kieu Vu to their representative, Mr. Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472, during a personal interview conducted on November 18, 2008. During that interview, Examiners Alvesteffer and Vu indicated that the claims, as amended above, appear to patentably define over the applied art, and that upon the filing of an amendment with those claims, an updated prior art search would be made.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the reference filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 21, 2008, and for providing Applicant with an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 field therewith.

Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 19-21, 32, 33, 35-37, 47 and 48 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hung-yi and Lee. Claims 7-12, 26-31, 38, 39, 44-46 and 49 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Hung-yi in view of Lee and Pollack.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a method of providing an advance screen saver warning for a display apparatus, the method comprising predetermining a screen saver standby time and an advance screen saver warning time; counting a current system idle time during which no system input activity is detected; activating an advance screen saver warning before activating a screen saver if the current system idle time is greater than or equal to a time difference between the screen saver standby time and the advance screen saver warning time; and continuously displaying the activated advance screen saver warning by the display apparatus until system activity by a user of the system is detected; deactivating the advance screen saver warning so that it is no longer displayed, wherein the screen saver is activated only if the advance screen saver warning time is completed; and controlling, during the continuous execution of the advance screen saver warning, the display apparatus to output at least one of a specified sound and a visual warning message window indicative of a time difference between the screen saver standby time and the current system idle time. Independent claims 21 and 46 include similar features in a varying scope.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the applied references discloses, suggests, or otherwise renders obvious the claimed invention including, for example, setting, and continuously displaying, an advance screen saver time of activation warning time, which

represents a length of time before a screen saver is set to be activated during which an advance warning of upcoming screen saver activation is provided.

Moreover, as discussed during the interview, the claimed invention appears to patentably define over the applied art.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present Application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau Reg. No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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